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PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels—Mortality for month of May, 1906—Improved sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, June 6, as follows:

Week ended June 5, 1906.

Vessels cleared for ports in the United States and granted bills of health as follows:

American steamship *Allianca* for New York, May 27, with 69 crew and 98 passengers.

British steamship *Amphitrite* for New Orleans, May 31, with 24 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

British steamship *Austriana* for a port in the United States, via Morro Castle, Cuba, May 31, with 29 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

American steamship *Finance* for New York, June 1, with 64 crew and 78 passengers.

Danish steamship *Nordamerika* for a port in the United States, via Daiquiri, Cuba, June 4, with 22 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

British steamship *Barbadian* for New Orleans, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 4, with 44 crew and 112 passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

Sanitary conditions at Colon, and mortality statistics for the month of May, 1906.

No further cases of yellow fever have occurred. The origin of the case reported on May 22 is still undetermined.

Since the rainy season set in mosquitoes have been everywhere abundant, the more prominent varieties being *Culex taeniorynchus* and *Anopheles albipes*. I have not observed any *Stegomyia*. The breeding places for this species are being reduced to a minimum. The varieties above referred to make their appearance principally after nightfall, when the wind is from the south, or when calm prevails, and come undoubtedly from the swamps around the island where it is difficult to destroy larvæ.

The general sanitary conditions of the town show steady, if gradual, improvement. The health of the white residents all over the Isthmus is exceptionally good, and the promptness with which all sickness is reported and medical aid sought proves the efficacy of rational treatment in the prevailing tropical diseases.

During the month of May, 1906, there were officially reported 47 deaths from the following causes: Yellow fever 1; malarial fever 9; pneumonia 9; dysentery 3; tuberculosis 1; meningitis, pneumococcic, 1; valvular heart disease 1; broncho-pneumonia 1; pulmonary gangrene 1; enteritis 2; nephritis 6; abscess of spleen 1; mastoid abscess 1; uterine hemorrhage 1; trauma 1; drowned 2; stillbirths 3; unknown 3.

Among the foreign white population 7 deaths occurred, as follows: Yellow fever 1; drowned 2; trauma 1; pneumonia 2; unknown 1.